

1 Committee treasurers are required to file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the
2 provisions of the Act.¹⁷

3 As to the contributions by Hearn & Hearn, P.A. and Hodge and Langley Law Firm, P.C., the
4 Committee treasurer took appropriate steps to determine the legality of the contributions and made
5 timely refunds.¹⁸ The Committee presented information showing that Ronnie A. Sabb made only one
6 individual contribution through his law partnership, and the second report of a contribution was a
7 typographical error.¹⁹

8 Therefore, in furtherance of the Commission's priorities, relative to other matters pending on
9 the Enforcement docket, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission exercise its
10 prosecutorial discretion and dismiss this matter as to Hodge & Langley Law Firm, P.C., and Hearn &
11 Hearn, P.A. concerning the making of prohibited contributions in violation of 52 U.S.C.
12 § 30118(a).²⁰ Additionally, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the allegation that the
13 Committee misreported receipts, in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b). We further recommend that
14 the Commission find no reason to believe that the Committee accepted prohibited or excessive
15 contributions, in violation of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) or 30118(a), and no reason to believe that Ronnie
16 A. Sabb, and Law Offices of Ronnie A. Sabb, LLC made a prohibited or excessive contribution. Finally,
17 we recommend that the Commission remind the Committee to amend its disclosure reports to reflect

¹⁷ 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(1), 11 C.F.R. § 104.1(a).

¹⁸ In the case of the Hearn & Hearn, P.A. contribution, the treasurer determined it to be a prohibited corporate contribution and issued a refund within seven days of its receipt. As to the Hodge and Langley Law Firm, P.C. contribution, the treasurer asked for and received a partnership allocation, and later, when the Complaint alleged that the Firm acted as a corporation, it issued a refund within thirty days of receiving the Complaint.

¹⁹ Committee Resp at 1, Attach. at 3 (Sabb partnership attribution form).

²⁰ *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).

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- 2. Draft Reminder Letter

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